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Assembly's Pou seeks equitable distribution of lottery proceeds

TRENTON — About \$52 million worth of New Jersey lottery tickets were sold in Assembly Deputy Speaker Nellie Pou's home town of Paterson between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002. Only about \$699,000 worth of tickets were purchased in the Somerset County town of Bedminster during that same time period.

"Lottery ticket sales in cities like Paterson, Newark and Jersey City made up a huge portion of the more than \$2 billion in last year's lottery proceeds," said Pou (D-Passaic). "Yet, the revenue is not flowing back to these areas in the same proportion."

Pou recently introduced legislation (A3582) that would require the State Lottery Commission to report monthly and annually on revenue from the sale of lottery tickets broken down by municipality.

Currently, the commission reports monthly and annually to the Governor and Legislature on total statewide lottery revenues.

Of the \$2 billion in revenue in fiscal year 2002, 55 percent was doled out to lottery winners. There was another 9 percent in administrative costs, vendor fees and retailer commissions.

The remaining revenue more than \$754 million was used to support community colleges; school nutrition, the Governor's School program, operation of centers for the developmentally disabled and homes for disabled soldiers, and other programs.

"New Jersey's lottery has been helping to improve the lives of state residents for more than 30 years," said Pou. "By listing proceeds by town, the state will be able to dole out the funds in the most equitable way possible."

Newark Post Office named after Sen. Frank Lautenberg



U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg

NEWARK — The U.S. Postal Service designated both the Newark Post Office and Courthouse as "The Frank R. Lautenberg Post Office and Courthouse." In addition to the unveiling and dedication of the Frank R. Lautenberg building plaque, Governor James E. McGreevey, US Senator Jon S. Corzine, and Newark Mayor Sharpe James gave rousing speeches.

Newark Postmaster Tom Utzinger was the Master of Ceremony and presided over this historic and humbling event. The designation of this building was made possible through the Public Law 106 - 347, sponsored by Congressman Frank Loblondino and co-sponsored by the New Jersey Legislative Delegation.

"The Newark Post Office and Federal Courts building is rich in history. It is only fitting that it be dedicated after Senator Lautenberg who is a champion in the fight for equal rights for all the citizens of New Jersey. Many of us sometimes forget about the struggles all our ancestors had to fight for equality, the dedication of this building will remind us," said Utzinger.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the plaque by Senator Lautenberg, Governor McGreevey, Senator Corzine, Mayor James, and Newark Postmaster Utzinger. The inscription read, "The true meaning of democracy is its dispensation of justice."

Jones promotes importance of Reading to Newark kids



(L to R) - Rumana Bandoowala (Director of Education, Kids Corp.), Natori Naughton (Singer), Michaela Murry-Nolan (Executive Director, Kids Corp), James Earl Jones (Actor), Penny Lemon (Principal of United Academy), along with Kids Corporation staff.

NEWARK — More than 60 area second and third graders who are attending a summer school sponsored by Kids Corporation got a treat today as James Earl Jones, actor and Verizon spokesperson, read excerpts from "The Lion King." He also talked to them about the importance of good reading skills and getting a quality education. CITE (Consortium of Information and Telecommunications Executives), a Verizon employee resource group, arranged for Jones' appearance to promote summer reading and announce the donation of 1,500 books to support Kids Corporation's programs.

CITE will collect books this weekend from approximately 1,800 Verizon employees attending the group's 20th annual conference in New York City. Last year, CITE adopted literacy as one of its primary causes and conducted a similar book drive for Norfolk, Va. schools.

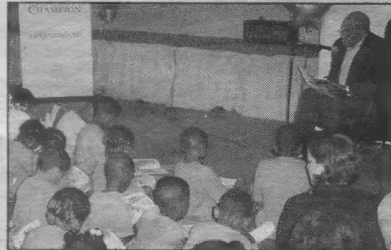
"I'm delighted CITE has embraced an incredibly worthwhile project, and that James Earl Jones has joined forces with Verizon again for such an important cause," said Dennis M. Bone, Verizon's president in New Jersey. "Our company is committed to support literacy initiatives through our Verizon

Reads program, not only in New Jersey, but also in communities we serve throughout the nation. We know that a literate community means better jobs and higher overall employability."

Bone encouraged other businesses to join Verizon and CITE by providing direct support to literacy efforts and schools.

"Like Verizon, we have a long-standing commitment to education," said Kevin Marshall, president of CITE. "CITE already has awarded nearly \$1 million in scholarships to deserving, college-bound students across the country. CITE is delighted that we can donate these books and open up a new world of learning opportunities for young people in New Jersey."

Kids Corporation is a Newark-based nonprofit group dedicated to increasing educational opportunities for elementary school children in New Jersey. Bone presented a \$5,000 check to the group from Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic



James Earl Jones reads to children of Kids Corp.

arm of Verizon Communications.

"Kids Corporation is very grateful for Verizon's generous grant of \$5,000," said Michaela Murry-Nolan, executive director of Kids Corporation. "We will use this grant to provide desperately needed educational resources and academic programs for thousands of children in Newark. We also want to thank Verizon and CITE, our longtime partners in educating Newark's children, for bringing James Earl Jones to our summer school program. Mr. Jones is an excellent role model for our students and his visit will be the highlight of their summer. Kids Corporation commends Verizon for their commitment both to corporate philanthropy and to the underserved students of Newark."

Essex County Teacher Receives National Credential for Excellence in Teaching

NEWARK — Local resident and teacher, Holly Beckford Williams, from Newark Public Schools in Newark, New Jersey, was awarded a crystal apple at an event sponsored by The Business Coalition for Education Excellence (BCEE), at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, for being one of only four New Jersey teachers who recently earned a National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

New Jersey State Department of Education Commissioner William Librera, and representatives from the National Board and New Jersey business leaders from the BCEE attended the recognition ceremony, held on June 12 at State Farm Operations Center, in Parsippany, New Jersey.

The event took place only hours after Governor James E. McGreevey announced a landmark professional development incentive package for New Jersey teachers seeking National Board Certification. These incentives include a full subsidy of the \$2,300 application fee for National Board Certification applicants and up to six graduate course credits to all teachers who complete the certification process. Teachers can use these credits to obtain a higher salary, or apply them toward a master's degree. McGreevey also noted that all

teachers with National Board Certification coming from other states to teach in New Jersey would only need a background check to get certification licensing. This historic package was made possible through a partnership between the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence, several New Jersey-based colleges and universities, and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

In order to achieve National Board Certification, teachers must undergo a qualification process that takes approximately 200 to 400 hours over the course of one or more years to complete. The certification is considered the hallmark of excellence for accomplished teachers, as those pursuing the credential must undergo a series of demanding assessments. Currently, in the state of New Jersey, only 18% of teachers who apply for the National Board Certification actually attain the credential, as opposed to the national average of 50%.

"One of the best ways to improve schools and student learning is to strengthen teaching," said Dana Egreczky, vice president of Workforce Development at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Business Coalition for Educational Excellence representative. "By completing the rigorous assessment program, Ms. Williams has attained one



Holly Beckford Williams

of the highest trademarks of excellence in teaching and helped to raise the bar for teaching standards."

To help more New Jersey teachers attain National Board Certification, The Business Coalition for Education Excellence, with support from Washington Mutual; Prudential Financial, Inc; the Merck Institute for Science Education; Johnson & Johnson; Fleet Bank; State Farm; and Infineum, has formed a teacher mentoring and training program called the National Board Support Network. National Board Certification is voluntary and obtainable for all teachers with a baccalaureate degree and three years of either public or private classroom experience.



Employee of the Month — Police Officer Michael White of the Newark Police Department was awarded Employee of the Month for June, 2003. On October 7, 2002, Officer Michael White while off duty and visiting a friend at 555 Elizabeth Avenue was advised that there were actors attempting to rob several citizens in front of 555 Elizabeth Avenue. Officer White then took a police action and responded and was confronted by the actors who shot him in the left thigh after exiting a Grey Pontiac Grand Am. "This act of bravery was to ensure the safety of our residents in the area. He was ready to meet the challenge of protecting our citizens," said Mayor Sharpe James.



New Park Opens in Newark — Representatives from the Trust for Public Land, McKinley Elementary School, Newark Public Schools, and The Prudential Foundation attended a dedication ceremony for the grand opening of the McKinley Elementary School playground located at 1 Colonnade Place in Newark, New Jersey. The playground, designed by second-through sixth-grade students from McKinley Elementary School, includes a track, basketball court, grass playing field, swings and play equipment that is available to students and the community.

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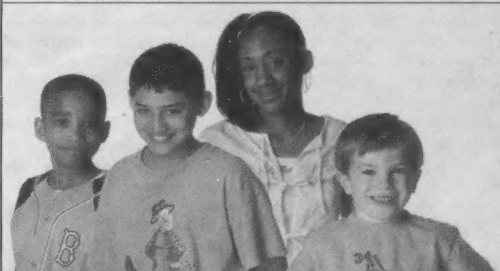
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Children shown are models and not for adoption.

The First Occupational Center hosts senior prom like no other

NEWARK — Recently, the Metropolitan Baptist Church, in Newark, was the site of a raucous Senior Prom hosted by The First Occupational Center of New Jersey. At first glance, the setting was a familiar one, complete with homemade decorations, carefully set tables, and lively music. On closer inspection, however, the fresh faces of these excited seniors were revealed to be neither young nor naive. In fact, the walls in many of these senior's homes may be more likely to carry photographs of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren than posters of the latest pop stars. But, make no mistake, this Senior Prom was rockin' old school style!

This marks the second year that The First Occupational Center of New Jersey (OCNJ), headquartered in Orange, held its annual "Senior Prom," for blind and visually impaired senior citizens, participating in its Senior Community Independent Living Services (S.C.I.L.S.) Program. The party was made possible by a generous grant from PNC Bank, the official

sponsor of OCNJ's "Senior Prom," which significantly increased its donation from last year, allowing an even greater number of seniors to participate.

Among the invited guests were Newark residents, Doreen Speller and her mother, Lucille Taylor, who is a S.C.I.L.S. client. "Before my mother got into this program, she was kind of depressed, because there's not a lot to do in her building, and she didn't trust a lot of people," said Ms. Speller, an OCNJ social worker. "So, when Joe [Ruffalo] came on board, he really showed her how to trust and open her door to people and to learn how to interact with them."

Ms. Speller, who persuaded her mother to reschedule a medical appointment in order to attend the "Senior Prom," took a day off from work to be there. "I think [the prom] is nice, and I like playing hooky from the doctor," laughed Ms. Taylor. "That's the best hooky of all!"

The S.C.I.L.S. program offers a wide range of support services designed to move



Newark residents, Doreen Speller (left), and her mother, Lucille Taylor

clients from dependence to independence. One such service is to assign volunteers to assist clients with a variety of tasks. The idea, according to OCNJ S.C.I.L.S. Program Director, Joe Ruffalo, is that "independence means knowing when to do for oneself and when to ask for assistance."

The club, which is on hiatus until September 2003, is open to anyone who would like to attend and/or donate supplies.

Nation/World Briefs

REPUBLICANS CUT AID TO HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Washington, D.C. - Today, the House Appropriations Committee made significant cuts in funding to the 1890's land-grant Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These cuts come on the heels of the landmark University of Michigan decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the interest of diversity in higher education.

Earlier this year, the President promised to provide much needed resources to these invaluable institutions of higher learning. Now it seems, the President and House Republicans are breaking that promise. Much of the funding for the 1890's HBCU programs was either frozen or cut during the Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee mark-up for FY-04 funding.

MORE BLACK INVESTORS OPTING OUT OF THE MARKETS

(Special to the NNPA)—African-American investors are being forced out of the stock market at a rate greater than Whites, according to a new study. A diminishing number of Blacks, 61 percent, polled in January and February, had money in the stock market, according to a study by Ariel Mutual Funds and Charles Schwab Corp. The percentage fell from 74 percent in 2002. "Many investors have moved assets into cash or real estate, including their home," Carla A. Foster, vice president for Schwab told reporters. "While most Whites simply diversified, some Blacks got out of stocks altogether. But as we've seen with the current market rally, you also need to be invested in stocks, bonds and mutual funds to benefit from the future growth of the economy."

Meanwhile, the percentage of Whites holding stocks has held steady at 79 percent over the past six years. The survey shows that while 25 percent of Blacks and 31 percent of Whites sold some of their stocks or mutual funds in the past year, very few White investors left the market completely.

Proactive Offense needed for Affirmative Action

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington
Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The head of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights says supporters of affirmative action need to be more active in taking on Right-wing groups still intent on abolishing affirmative action. "These groups, the Right-wing groups, are already working. And our people are going around clapping because the case has been decided," Mary Frances Berry says, referring to the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the use of race in the admissions process at the University of Michigan law school. "We can come up with a proactive offensive strategy, rather than just sit around waiting to see what they're going to do." Immediately after the court's ruling, the Center for Individual Rights (CIR), the Right-wing group that had brought the pair of lawsuits against the University of Michigan, announced that it was not giving up its fight to challenge affirmative action plans in court. Berry, who made her comments in an interview with the NNPA News Service, says progressive groups should become more aggressive by initiating referendums that applaud the Supreme Court law school decision, continuing to sup-

port protests by pro-affirmative action student groups, encouraging state politicians to vacate anti-affirmative action ballot measures such as California's Proposition 209, donating money to civil rights groups and mobilizing support for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDEF) as it duels many of the Right-wing groups across the country.

CIR's budget was \$1.4 million in 2000, according to "The Assault on Diversity: An Organized Challenge to Racial and Gender Justice," by Lee Cokorinos, research director for the Institute for Democracy Studies, a liberal think tank in New York. In addition to well-known conservative foundations, CIR also has received donations from such companies as Archer Daniels Midland Corp., ARCO Foundation, Chevron USA, Adolph Coors Foundation, Pfizer Inc., Philip Morris Cos. and Philip Morris USA, Texaco, USX Corp. and the Xerox Foundation, according to Cokorinos' book. "Our big problem is that the Right is funded very well. We all know that now," says Berry, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and key civil rights strategist.

One of those well-funded groups is headed by Ward Connerly, the Black conservative based in Sacramento, Calif. He

has threatened to launch a Proposition 209-like ballot referendum in Michigan to circumvent the Supreme Court affirmative action ruling. As Connerly threatens future action, some state officials are operating as though the Supreme Court never ruled in the Michigan cases. In Virginia, Atty. Gen. Jerry Kilgore, a Republican, says he will continue to urge all state universities to abolish affirmative action. "It is clear that the ruling did not provide us with a 'bright line' rule on the use of race," says Kilgore, who advised Virginia Polytechnic Institute last March to wipe out its affirmative action program. "Therefore, our public colleges and universities remain in the same stance as before."

Ted Shaw, associate director-counsel of the LDEF, issued a statement saying, "Instead of trying to force Virginia colleges and universities into relinquishing their commitment to diversity, Attorney General Kilgore should focus on assisting them in their efforts to mitigate the intractable vestiges of past wrongs and increase the participation of all Virginians in higher education." Shaw expects opposition to affirmative action in other states as well. He says, "We can't rest. Our adversaries are not resting."

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Economic Justice Eluded by Race Profiling



By Dr. Henry C. Johnson Ph.D.

State dismantle set asides but allows trade unions and contractors to continue to discriminate. The failure to grow minority businesses threaten the nation's ability to deal with retirement and health policies, and could impact national economic security, say a Milken Institute Researcher in a Los Angeles Times Op-Ed article.

Affirmative Action policies in the construction trades, launched under President Richard Nixon, through the leadership of Arthur Fletcher, are under attack because they worked.

Ironically, in New Jersey, under a democratic governor and an African American Attorney General, minority-contracting efforts are being dismantled.

Historically, attempts by African Americans to gain economic freedom have been thwarted by practices and laws that limited their progress. It is a well-known fact that America never lived up to the promise to give former slaves 40 acres and a mule. That failure and deliberate efforts to thwart African wealth creation (business development, employment and home ownership), is the root cause of the high poverty rates among African Americans. Even when African Americans worked hard and acquired land and wealth, it was taken away a la "Black Wall Street" in Tulsa, Oklahoma. When they prepared themselves educationally, public and not so public policies and practices, have been used to validate discriminatory actions. Today in 2003, there are challenges to Affirmative Action programs in higher education, which gives African Americans an opportuni-

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Chante Mallard: Murderer, Madman or Misunderstood?

by Lloyd Williams

The Chante Mallard case reads more like an implausible whodunit dreamed up by a Hollywood scrippwriter than a real-life incident. For it's hard to believe that a nurse could actually allow a person she'd accidentally hurt to bleed to death needlessly. Just take a look at the facts. On October 26, 2001, Mallard, driving under the influence late one night after an evening of overindulging in ecstasy, alcohol and marijuana with friends at a Fort Worth, Texas nightclub, ran over Gregory Biggs, a homeless man with a job who was trying to get back on his feet. Biggs flew right through her quarter-inch thick windshield head first, but without cracking his cranium. Chante, a former Girl Scout, instead of heading for the hospital or calling an ambulance, quickly drove home, with half of the 37 year-old's body moaning next to her inside the car, the other half sprawled across the hood. She hit her automatic garage door opener, parked, rushed into the bedroom and demanded sexual satisfaction from her boyfriend even before informing him

about the situation. Potent stuff, that Ecstasy, I suppose.

When the satiated couple subsequently checked out Biggs' condition, they saw that he was in shock, losing blood and had a couple of broken legs. But they still decided not to notify the authorities. Next, the kinky pair proceeded to watch porno tapes and to generally get their freak on for a couple of days till the moaning man finally expired. Then, Chante enlisted the assistance of two friends named Clete and Tyrone who have since admitted to dumping the body in a park. Don't you wish you had a Clete and Tyrone to clean up your unsightly messes?

The case wasn't cracked until February 2002 when Miranda Daniel came forward and told police that an acquaintance of hers had joked at a Valentine's Day party about having hit a white man with her car and about all of the above. An arrest warrant was issued for that person, namely, Chante Mallard. She soon confessed and didn't bother to take the stand in her own defense. So, it was no surprise that it only took a jury an hour to convict her of murder.

Yet, one wonders what could possess someone who had been a straight 'A' student, someone who had never been in trouble with the law before, someone who was gainfully employed, someone who even owned her own home, to leave another human being helplessly embedded in her windshield to die a slow death. Mallard received a 50 year sentence for her despicable behavior and the debating began. Some asked how it could be considered murder when it started out as an accident. Others say that since she referred to her victim's race, that she's no better than the rednecks in Texas who dragged James Byrd behind their pick-up truck.

Did her punishment fit the crime? I say no. I don't think it was nearly long enough. Look, Tyrone and Clete were given nine and ten years apiece, respectively, as accessories after the fact. I say maybe their sentences were too severe, after all, all they did was help dispose of a corpse. But Chante had a thousand chances to save Biggs while he was still alive, if she had only come to her senses for a minute and picked up a phone instead of another beer or blunt or con-

dom or hit of ecstasy.

Her defense attorney, claims his client had been afraid of getting a ticket for driving under the influence. That's some lawyer. As if a jury might accept an excuse for kidnapping when she could've rolled the guy off her hood someplace where a Good Samaritan might have called an ambulance. Obviously, her involvement with drugs played a role, but doesn't that make her more rather than less culpable?

To me, Chante Mallard exemplifies evil personified and I'll tell you why. The fact that she could still be joking about killing a man months later indicates the absence of a functioning conscience. Furthermore, if she was the least bit contrite, I believe she would've wanted to take the stand to explain to the Biggs family, to the judge, to the jury, and to anybody else who'd listen why it ain't what it looks like. But no, only after she was convicted was this narcissistic monster inclined to talk about the incident. Thus, to save her own skin, she finally was contrite enough and moved to shed a few crocodile tears. I say throw away the key.

Positively Black: The AmeriKKKan Gulag

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"There over 800 prison camps in the United States, all fully operational and ready to receive prisoners. They are all staffed and even surrounded by full-time guards, but they are all empty. These camps are to be operated by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) should Martial Law need to be implemented in the United States and all it would take is a presidential signature on a proclamation and the attorney general's signature on a warrant to which a list of names is attached. Ask yourself if you really want to be on Ashcroft's list. The Rex 84 Program was established on the reasoning that if a "mass exodus" of illegal aliens crossed the Mexican/US border, they would be quickly rounded up and detained in detention centers by FEMA. Rex 84 allowed many military bases to be closed down and to be turned into prisons. Operation Cable Splicer and Garden Plot are the two sub programs which will be implemented once the Rex 84 program is initiated for its proper purpose. Garden Plot is the program to control the population. Cable Splicer is the program for an orderly takeover of the state and local governments by the federal government. FEMA is the

executive arm of the coming police state and thus will head up all operations. The Presidential Executive Orders already listed on the Federal Register also are part of the legal framework for this operation. The camps all have railroad facilities as well as roads leading to and from the detention facilities. Many also have an airport nearby. The majority of the camps can house a population of 20,000 prisoners."

Social activists and commentator Dick Gregory once said, "considering our history in America any black person who isn't at least a little bit paranoid, is sho'nuff crazy." The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) the federal agency created during the mid 1960's and 70's ostensibly to react to emergencies such as hurricanes, floods and disasters has now morphed into a secret paramilitary organization to control, detain and mobilize counter insurgency plans against AmeriKKKan citizens. Successive presidents since Lyndon Johnson have issued little known or reported Executive Orders creating FEMA and expanding its powers and responsibilities to the point white folks on both the left and right are now getting increasingly nervous about the way FEMA and the government are moving to

lock down AmeriKKKa.

There have been a myriad of plans like King Alfred, REX 84 aimed at creating scenarios and contingency plans in case of massive civil disturbances and martial law had to be invoked. However during the civil Civil Rights, Anti-War and Black Power eras the federal government became increasingly reactionary and repressive. In addition to contingency plans to control large segments of the population, the federal government initiated co-ordinated domestic counter insurgency programs known as COINTELPRO and Operation CHAOS. These programs were designed to target the leadership of radical, progressive and "revolutionary" movements militant labor unions and leftist organizations. People of color were killed, framed, compromised or co-opted. Whites were merely harassed, pressured and intimidated but rarely subjected to the physical violence and incarceration black, brown and yellow radicals were! While that was going on the fascists in the government were doling out millions in federal money to militarize local police departments, passing repressive laws, and signing executive orders to prevent any serious challenged to the ruling elites' hegemony of the nation's political machinery. As the

proponents of the New World Order solidify their monopoly and stranglehold on AmeriKKKa, they are preparing for any potential resistance to their plans. In 2000 they stole the presidential election, they at least allowed 9-11 to happen (many including myself are convinced they planned and executed it), they passed the PATRIOT and Homeland Security Acts, launched wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Columbia and soon all over the world. Now they are gearing up to clamp down if (and this is a big if since they totally control the corporate mass media propaganda apparatus) a significant number of citizens attempt to thwart their plans. Keep in mind AmeriKKKa now incarcerates more of its citizens now than any country in the world. So it would be nothing to lock down in pre-existing FEMA prison camps huge segments of the AmeriKKKan population during either a staged "emergency" like 9-11, the Oklahoma City bombing or legitimate citizen protests. This is no joke, Bush lied about 9-11, Iraq's WMD and they dare anyone to call them on it. So we should be a little paranoid but act accordingly. By that I mean do the right thing and resist these psychopathic fascist manipulators!!!

Haynes named Vice President for Advancement at Montclair State

UPPER MONTCLAIR — Following a national search, Dr. Thomas J. Haynes, Jr., of Tallahassee, FL, has been named Vice President for University Advancement at Montclair State University.

"Thomas Haynes has extensive experience in a public university system and he has a deep understanding of the important societal purposes of public higher education," said Dr. Susan A. Cole, Montclair State University president.

"My family and I are delighted to join the Montclair State University family," Haynes said. "We are looking

forward to becoming active participants in the greater New Jersey community. I especially look forward to working with Dr. Cole, the boards, faculty, staff, students and alumni in advocating for this great institution. My goal is to make this campaign a true 'family affair' as we continue to prepare for the future of this great institution."

Haynes started his new position July 1. He succeeds Dr. Gregory A. Waters, who is returning to full-time teaching in the University's English Department.



Dr. Thomas J. Haynes, Jr.

Small Business health plans approved

WASHINGTON - Hector V. Barreto, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration today released the following statement about the U.S. House of Representative's approval of legislation that would allow for the creation of Association Health Plans (AHPs):

"The House's passage of Association Health Plans is good news for millions of small-business owners and their employees, because it means they are closer to being able to purchase health insurance that is significantly more affordable than the limited options they have today.

"The majority of small business owners want to provide health insurance for their employees and their dependents, but costs have skyrocketed in recent years. In fact, most small businesses have identified access to affordable health care as the most difficult issue they face.

"Small business is the sector that will be creating the jobs necessary for our country's full economic recovery. Allowing them to band together to bring down their health insurance costs is one of the best ways to give them the financial breathing room they need to create those jobs."

Allstate Insurance Company No. 1 in Top 10 Companies for African-Americans

BRIDGEWATER — Diversity Inc. has named Allstate Insurance Company, the parent corporation of the Allstate New Jersey Alliance Company (Allstate New Jersey), as the No. 1 company for African-Americans in the United States, particularly for those who want to rise in management positions. Diversity Inc. also named Allstate Insurance Company to the "Top 50 Companies for Diversity" list in April, as well as based its findings on data from companies that submitted questionnaires.

"A corporation's diversity commitment is worthless without strong support of the CEO and top management," explained Barbara Frankel, vice president and executive editor of Diversity Inc. "Allstate's diversity initiatives are clearly supported from the top down."

"The success of any business rests on the shoulders of its people," said Joan M.

Crockett, senior vice president, human resources, Allstate Insurance Company. "Allstate offers an inclusive and high performance environment that ensures dignity and respect for all individuals, competitive pay and benefits, opportunities for development and quality leadership—all designed to attract the brightest new talent and retain and motivate our skilled workforce."

Allstate is the second largest personal property and casualty insurer in the United States and a leading insurer in urban markets. African-American employees make up 16.8 percent of the entire Allstate workforce.

The Top 10 List of Best Companies for African-Americans include Allstate, LaSalle Bank, Wyndham, Merck, Bank of America, Fannie Mae, Pepsi Co, Epitex Group, Freddie Mac and a two-way tie between the Marriott and SBC.

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It was a true "Celebration of Life" at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, where Newark Beth Israel Medical Center held its annual Cancer Survivors Day event on June 22. The event's 550 guests included patients who have been treated at Newark Beth Israel's Flo Okin Oncology and Blood Disorders and their loved ones. Pictured are survivor Mildred Bates of Newark (right), with her daughter, Valerie, and granddaughter, Kyla.

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Newark program helps reduce cancer death rate

American Cancer Society Volunteers encourage peers to get screened for cancer

NEWARK—The American Cancer Society has launched a new program that aims to reduce the burden of cancer among black men in Newark. The new program will build upon the success of the American Cancer Society "Sister to Sister" initiative started years ago by incorporating a male component that will develop the same type of grassroots outreach for the black male population. The American Cancer Society "Brothers Talk" initiative will build and train a network of black male volunteers from the community to increase prostate and colon health awareness among their peers and direct men for age appropriate cancer screening tests. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (Horizon BCBSNJ) is sponsoring the new health program.

"The death rate for black men from prostate cancer is twice that of white men, and the rate at which black men die from colon cancer is just as disturbing," said Natasha Daniel, director of the American Cancer Society Brothers Talk program. "We can reverse this trend by recruiting black male volunteers to stress the importance of prevention and early detection to their peers."

American Cancer Society "Brothers Talk" volunteers in Newark will conduct peer education sessions, teach techniques to promote good prostate and colon health, and help uninsured or underinsured men from the greater Newark area obtain free or low-cost cancer screening tests through the New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection program.

"Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey is committed to supporting important health programs, especially those that reach underserved African Americans and other at risk populations," said William J. Marino, president and CEO of Horizon BCBSNJ. "We commend the American Cancer Society for developing and implementing the Brothers Talk and Sister to Sister programs, which will lead to greater awareness and better understanding of these life-threatening diseases in an underserved community."

One of the first volunteers to join the "Brothers Talk" program in Newark was Vincent

Weathers, a minister at Gravel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Newark.

"Black men in my community usually get screened for cancer or go to the doctor as a last resort," said Weathers, who also works in Horizon's BCBSNJ's Credentialing Department. "But by then, it's often too late."

"I got involved with the Brothers Talk program to help spread the word about the importance of getting screened for cancer," Weathers said. "How you get information about cancer and who you get it from makes a huge difference."

In addition to support from Horizon BCBSNJ and volunteers like Vincent Weathers, the "Brothers Talk" program has also been endorsed by Newark Mayor Sharpe James as an innovative way to improve the health of black men in his city.

Hailing the new program, Newark Mayor Sharpe James said, "The prostate and colon cancer rate among African-American men is alarming. Unfortunately this disease is often talked about in whispers and with embarrassment. This program seeks to destroy the myths and stereotypes and enables black men to address their personal health issues in much the same way that they would tackle the responsibilities of family, job and being a contributing member of their community. Brothers Talk is a pioneering program that offers education, prevention, early detection and proper treatment to individual men and groups in the African-American community. By becoming savvy about our own healthcare needs, we can help reduce the prostate and colon cancer mortality rate among our fellow African Americans."

The American Cancer Society estimates that 33,500 black men will be diagnosed with prostate and colon cancer this year. And although the five-year survival rate for prostate cancer when detected early is 100 percent, black men are twice as likely to die from the disease than white men due, in part, to detecting the disease in a later stage. The American Cancer Society also estimates that the colon cancer death rate for black men will be higher than that of the national average.

Health Briefs

WOMEN'S CHILDHOOD ABUSE LINKED TO LATER POOR HEALTH

Women who were physically abused as children are more likely to report having poor health than those who did not experience such abuse, according to a new study in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

The researchers also found that women younger than 36 had more than 10 times the risk of intimate partner violence and twice the risk of emotional abuse compared to women 46 years and older, regardless of their childhood experiences.

Although the findings suggest a link between childhood experience and adult risks, the researchers say the association may not necessarily lead to health problems in all abused women.

CIGARETTE SMOKING MAY DIMINISH OLDER ADULTS' THINKING SKILLS

Cigarette smokers who live into their 50s and beyond may lose more of their thinking skills than their non-smoking peers, new research suggests.

The authors note that tobacco use causes approximately 30 percent of all mortality among individuals between 35 and 69, making it the largest single cause of premature death in the industrialized world. The study results are published in the June issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

OBESITY EPIDEMIC THREATENS AFRICAN AMERICANS

Overweight and obesity have reached epidemic proportions for all ethnic groups in America, rates are particularly high among blacks: 77.3 percent of non-Hispanic black females are overweight and 49.7 percent are obese; 60.7 percent of non-Hispanic black males are overweight and 28.1 are obese.

American Heart Association is offering programs to help fight obesity, other heart diseases and stroke risk factors. For more information on how to participate in these free programs, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit americanheart.org.

Rising signs of trouble among girls spark alarms

By **Charlene Muhammad**

Special to the NNPA from The Final Call

LOS ANGELES (NNPA)—Federal researchers indicate that young Black girls are on an increased perilous path to violence and prisons, both as perpetrators and victims.

In the shadow of oft-repeated Black male statistics citing high incarceration and school drop-out rates, drug use, gun violence, and steady deaths, Black girls are rapidly slipping almost unnoticed into gangs, after-school brawls, juvenile prisons and vandalism at a rate faster than boys.

Child advocates state that unless families and society become re-educated and re-trained on what impacts the lives of these girls, the damage to properties and persons will prove more devastating to everyone.

"There's no single factor that can be held responsible, but there are compounding issues of education, a history of drug, alcohol, physical, emotional and sexual abuse among females in general," said Monique Morris, senior researcher for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

The culprit is the history of victimization among Black girls, she said. She is disturbed that the issue is not addressed as she believes it should be, particularly in the media. This victimization, she added, is a clear link to their growing rate of involvement in violence and entry into the justice system.

In fact, Morris added, women, and increasingly Black females, are currently the fastest-growing group involved in violence, and sent to prison. Her research revealed that Black girls are more likely than girls of other racial groups to commit nonviolent offenses; the rate at which Black girls were charged with property offenses increased by 92 percent between 1985 and 1994, compared with 38 percent for all girls; the number of delinquency cases involving Black girls increased by 106 percent between 1988 and 1997, compared with an increase of 83 percent for all girls; and Black girls were detained between 1988 and 1997 at a rate three times greater than the rate for White girls.

Twenty-two-year-old college student Neka Battle believes Black girls are definitely crying out for help, but they are looking to an improper source for direction.

"Our women are following the men and looking to them for guidance, and this is where they're leading us. We've got to catch them younger and lead them in the way of the Lord," she said, adding that a thorough understanding and recognition of their roles will enable the girls to set things straight.

Her friend, Christina Brown, views the matter as one of dependency and survival between girls and boys, and men and women. The 20-year-old said that although males should not be blamed for the girls' violent acts, the girls are resort-

ing to manly activities because they feel it is necessary, and sometimes gets boys' attention.

Young women must be taught to get back to values and what they want in life, Brown said, adding that many girls

"Granted, parents aren't with children 24/7, but we need to be as interested in our children as we are in our love lives, the cleanliness of our cars, or our jobs. People go to great lengths to detail their cars, but do we detail our chil-

we live in, and the information that the children are exposed to at an earlier age. We can no longer shelter them from all this immorality that society puts out there," he said.

Evans believes the calamity facing these unusual suspects stems from school frustrations of miseducation. It is difficult when conscious, Afrocentric children realize that they do not fit into the Eurocentric system of education and life, and the girls are voicing their frustrations in actions, not words, he added.

Seventeen-year-old Binesha Goodlow said her peers act out because they feel they have to prove themselves to other girls and boys, mostly for respect. The girls are too far into trouble because of society's influence, and their actions could easily germinate from their parents' upbringing, she said.

Binesha has survived her school years without being a victim, or victimizing others, and believes much of that has to do with the fact that she attends a magnet or advanced education school, rather than a public school.

She doubts that educators, churches, or even parents, can turn many girls around, and is saddened because she feels it generalizes them all. The advocates, however, believe that there is hope for the girls, and that basic guidelines and necessities, such as love and attention, could remedy their condition.

Bob urged parents to hold their children's respect, and become more aware of their friends and whereabouts. He also promotes the need for a program designed specifically for the girls because they have specific issues that make them act out. He labeled their criminal activity a cancer that requires a completely different medicine than that used to treat boys.

When communities embrace treatment and prevention instead of incarceration, Morris said, girls could tap into protective factors and the ability to be vocal and recognize their worth. She added that their ability to develop critical thinking skills is crucial, especially in the popular and entertainment climate, which fosters negative ideas of what it means to be Black and female.

Evans said the community is so busy surviving that it does not have the capacity to provide the protection required for its young girls to grow into unscathed women.

"Our children are targets from the time they come out of their mother's womb, and it doesn't matter that they're females, because if you can control the female, you can control the growth of our population," he said.

Despite the need to focus on Black men, Morris said, communities cannot forget its little Black girls.

"It's said that when you educate a woman you educate a nation," she said. "Then if you incarcerate and victimize a woman, do you do the same to the nation?"

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The situation comes as no surprise to social psychologist Dr. Julia Hare.

"It's almost predictable that we would come to this because there's a breakdown in the Black family," she stated.

She charged that integration,

dren?" he questioned.

Bob believes that media and music are easy blame targets, but said that if the girls do not respect themselves, their bodies, their properties, they certainly cannot respect others, or care to. The bottom line, he added, is parental guidance, or the lack thereof.

"If these violent acts are not attributable to mental health or something they can't control, then it's parental, because



Hollywood images, the removal of God-centered education and the lack of child discipline in the home all contribute to the rapid criminal demise of not only Black girls, but also Black boys.

Brian Bob, a veteran Los Angeles-based homeless youth counselor, said that overcoming family detachment, which relates to family values, is a critical milestone toward reversing the damage already done to young girls who turn to violence for any reason.

parents command the home environment and need to reinforce what is and isn't acceptable in it," he said.

Donald Evans, executive director of the National Association of Brothers & Sisters In & Out, an inmate outreach organization, stated that society has overshadowed the home with mass corruption, and parents and families are not totally to blame for the girls' destructive activities.

"It has a lot to do with the time that

Martin Lawrence and Will Smith Back and Badder in

BAD BOYS II

Review by Kam Williams

Conventional wisdom says that a sequel is supposed to be more outrageous than the original in order to satisfy the demands of its returning audience. That's why we've come to anticipate state-of-the-art special effects, more ferocious fight sequences, higher body counts, crazier car chases, funnier punchlines, more spectacular pyrotechnics, increased titillation, even sillier closing-credit outtakes, from any studio trying to parlay a hit from just a flick into a franchise.

The good news about *Bad Boys II* is that it does not disappoint when it comes to upping the ante in this fashion. After all, when his budget ballooned from \$23 to over \$75 million, director Michael Bay could afford to run over more fruit stands, to crack-up more cars and to blow-up more buildings. Besides, Bay's name has already come to be associated with high expectations after his first four movies, each one a high-octane affair, grossed over a billion dollars at the box office combined.

Bad Boys II, his fifth film to date, represents Bay's most bodacious work yet, but not just because it offers a thrill ride from the opening credits which lasts for the two-and-a-half hour duration. Yes, the movie is still, at heart, a light-hearted buddy vehicle for Martin Lawrence and Will Smith, two of the funniest talents around. Unfortunately, their likeable characters are involved, here, with all sorts of social taboos which deserve to be addressed in a more meaningful fashion. Do we really want to see superficial simpletons goofing around undercover as Ku Klux Klansmen, dabbling in necrophilia or high on Ecstasy?

To me, the picture ends up crossing lines,



Martin Lawrence and Will Smith

venturing way past good taste into the perverse in each case, simply for the shock value. It reminded me of how the scene with an open-headed Ray Liotta dining on his own brain was all I could remember of *Hannibal* (2001). This film, too, features a few of its own draw-droppers guaranteed to gross people out and to generate *Bad Boys* buzz for the rest of the summer.

But bizarre moments aside, is *Bad Boys II* enjoyable, you ask? The answer is a resounding 'Yes!' Its sheer adrenaline rush sweeps you up and carries you along so swiftly that you don't have a moment to contemplate whether you ought to be offended by this or that politically-incorrect aside from five minutes ago.

Besides, the chemistry between Lawrence and Smith proves irresistible as they reprise their roles as partners and Miami narcotics detectives Marcus Barnett and Mike Lowery, respectively. Also returning are Theresa Randle (Spawn) as Marcus' wife, Joe Pantoliano (*Daredevil*) as Captain Howard, the boys' ever-apoplectic boss, and NBA star turned talk show host John Salley as Hacker Fletcher.

New cast members include ex-NFL great Dan Marino and Henry Rollins, lead singer of the Rollins Band, though Gabrielle Union (*Deliver Us from Eva*), is the most significant addition. She plays Federal agent Sydney Burnett, the overprotective Marcus' sister and amorous Mike's secret love interest. Obviously much humor is milked out of that uncomfortable triangle.

The implausible plot which, trust me, ain't worth following, has to do with a Cuban drug cartel involved in a turf war with Russian mobsters. The only way to watch this film is to check your brain and conscience at the concession stand, purchase a big tub of popcorn and howl away at every idiotic antic. Furthermore, the stunts are especially impressive, even if they tend to make no sense. Maybe I should be ashamed to recommend a film which I found so vulgar in spots and which doesn't quite add up to anything comprehensible. But I will, since I laughed in spite of it all.

If you go, just don't forget that I warned you about the freaky factor.

Excellent (3.5 stars)

Rated R for pervasive profanity, ethnic slurs, bizarre sex, drug use, gratuitous gore, sex-linked violence and necrophilia.



E Briefs entertainment news

— Kim Bowman

Brandy and husband calls it quit



Recently, *People* magazine's website reported singer and actress Brandy & her husband, producer Robert Smith, are splitsville. The young couple wed quite secretly just two years ago and then became the reality subjects for MTV's "Diary Presents Brandy: Special Delivery" following the couple leading up to the birth of their daughter last June.

The couple reportedly announced that they will remain friends and raise their daughter jointly. *EURweb* columnist Karu Daniels claims that Brandy is not 8 months pregnant.

DMX arrested on Caribbean Island



Rapper/actor DMX was arrested Saturday for using profanity during a Friday night concert on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts and Nevis. The rapper is currently free on a whopping \$376 bail. He left the isle Saturday afternoon, but promised he'd return for his court date today. Organizers said they warned DMX that he would not be allowed to use obscenities on stage, which is a misdemeanor.

Snoop may face criminal charges



Snoop Dogg may face criminal charges in connection with the arrest of 3 men who dropped him off at Tuesday's BET Awards in an armored van. Six other armed men were detained & identified themselves as members of Snoop's security detail. Federal law states that it's illegal to "carry or use firearms in connection with the protection of a prohibited person." Snoop went on to win an award for Best Collaboration, for "Beautiful," which features Pharrell Williams.

Ex employee files lawsuit against P. Diddy



Sean "P.Diddy" Combs dismissed a \$25 million dollar lawsuit filed by an ex-employee as "pure fantasy." Former *Bad Boy* president Kirk Burrowes filed a civil suit against Combs, *Bad Boy* Entertainment & *Bad Boy* lawyer Kenneth Meiselas, claiming he was forced out of his 25% share of *Bad Boy*. "Kirk Burrowes hasn't been employed with *Bad Boy* for 7 years & now he makes up a fictional story for financial gain," Combs told *AllHipHop.com*. "He should be ashamed of himself."

Destiny's Child may be adding a new member



Destiny's Child manager Mathew Knowles recently told *LA Times* that he's considering adding his other daughter, Solange Knowles, to Destiny's Child. When Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams reconvene next year, Solange was a temporary member in the group in the fall of 2000 when Kelly Rowland broke two toes.

Nelly launches record label



Rapper, Nelly has joined the trend of artists and record executive. Like Enimem, Snoop and Dr. Dre, Nelly is launching his own record label, Deerty Entertainment. At the top of the roster with his first release, entitled "Murphy's Law," is Murphy Lee of the St. Lunatics. Deerty, which is being released by Universal Records, will promote Lee's new album when he joins Nelly and the St. Lunatics on a 25-city tour. The "Up Close & Personal Tour" will focus on "smaller" venues that hold up to 6,000 fans.

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Will Smith: The Bad Boys II interview

Oscar-Nominated Actor, Grammy-Winning Rapper, Doting Dad and Bad Boy Too!

with Kam Williams

Philadelphia's favorite son shares some thoughts with me about his latest venture, *Bad Boys II*, a sequel to the 1995 hit flick co-starring Martin Lawrence.

KW: Why wasn't this released on the Fourth of July? I thought that after *Men in Black*, *Men in Black II*, *Independence Day* and *Wild, Wild West*, it had become your weekend?

WS: "You don't want to open R-rated movies on the Fourth of July weekend. Historically, it's a big, family day. So, PG-13 and PG movies tend to win on the Fourth, because parents will choose to go to the movie that the kids want to attend versus the one that they want to go to. So, you want to avoid the family holiday with a rated R movie."

KW: In *Bad Boys II*, Martin has a family and you're dating his sister, so couldn't it be considered a family movie?

WS: No, this is definitely not a family movie. This is a good, solidly rated-R film. Pure adult comedy."

KW: Why didn't you shoot for a PG-13 rating?

WS: "Michael Bay was adamant that he didn't want to make a PG-13 version of *Bad Boys*. And he didn't."

KW: Did you find it challenging when your character was asked to go over the line in several situations?

WS: "It was slightly difficult. I figured I didn't have to overdo it, but I just had to close my eyes and commit to the reality of this character. A narcotics cop in Miami."

KW: Which scene was the most difficult for you to do?

WS: "The one scene that really stands out for me, where I really had to take the leap, was the Reggie scene, where the little boy comes over to take Martin's daughter out on her first date. We gave what is probably going to be the classic first date scene in movie history. We wanted to make sure he wasn't thinking that he was going to have any sex or drugs, so we let him have it. That scene was really tough for me, I really committed to being the drunk uncle with the pistol. There are some things that a drunk uncle with a pistol will say that Will Smith won't necessarily say. But I let it rip in that one."

KW: Were the stunt scenes hard?



Will Smith

WS: "It was a very, very difficult film to make, as far as the action, because Michael Bay made the brave choice to go old school with the stunts. He was really shooting cars falling off the top of a car carrier. He didn't go for the CGI [Computer-Generated Images]. He really went out on the freeway, and Martin and I drove the car at 100 miles per hour. So, he was shooting real stunts. That was a hardcore commitment on his part as director. And that's a big part of what makes the movie work. Real stunts resonate more with an audience than CGI crashes."

KW: It worked. When I saw this film, the audience cheered at the end.

WS: "That's beautiful. Any time an audience claps at the end, that's always a good sign. There's a great energy in the anticipation that people have for this movie. I really haven't felt this kind of anticipation since *Independence Day*. I've had successful films, but it's been: people go, they see the movie, they love it, and then they're excited. But with this, they're salivating even before the credits roll at the beginning of the movie. That's a great feeling."

KW: How'd you like working with Martin Lawrence again?

WS: "We were acting really, really stupid making this movie. And the chemistry of our stupidity could definitely stand counter to the necessities of production, sometimes. But we managed to get through it. Michael Bay had to rein us in every once in a while, but the energy that we had off camera is what translated onto the film. We had to maintain it off camera, because that's just what it is. That's how we interact."

KW: How do you like what ended up on screen?

WS: "Martin just kills me. It's weird how you can watch a movie two and three times and still see something different. The first time I watch a movie, I'm generally just watching me, to make sure I didn't mess up. But last night, I was watching Martin, so it was a whole new movie for me. That dude is hilarious, I think he really is at his best in this film. This is almost the best that Martin has ever been."

KW: Between music and acting, you never seem to take a break from work.

WS: "My father was, and still kinda' is, a hard worker. So, it's always been something I've done. From the time I was eight years-old, I was riding with him on jobs at two o'clock in the morning. He was an electrician, refrigeration, air conditioning, heating, all that. And then I started my music career at sixteen, so I've never had it any other way. I get bored on vacation."

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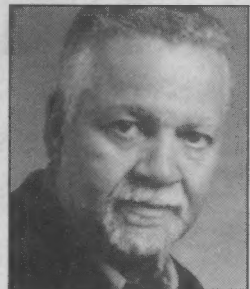
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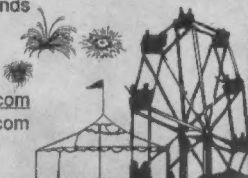
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REFRIGERATORS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administration Offices of the Authority, located at 31 Early St., Morristown, NJ 07960, on **August 1, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.**, prevailing time. A pre-bid meeting will be held on July 25, 2003 at 11 a.m. at the above address.

All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time, for a single complete contract. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

All work incidental thereto, in accordance with specifications.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the following amounts:

BIDS	AMOUNT
up to \$200,000	10%
\$200,000-\$400,000	\$20,000
over \$400,000	5%

Bids must be accompanied by consent surety regardless of whether a check or Bid Bond is submitted. All Bonds and Consents of Surety must be written by Surety Companies listed in the most recent Circular Number 570, United States Department of Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and can be obtained at the Administrative Offices of the Authority or by calling 973-538-6343.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond, written by a Surety listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of Treasury, to the Authority may prescribe and with such Sureties as they may approve.

All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127, which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action," and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

David Gardner, Executive Director
 Morristown Housing Authority

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is to advise the public that the Housing Authority of the City of Passaic will be holding a public hearing on **September 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M., at the Community Room, 299 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.** The purpose of the meeting is to allow our residents, government officials and other interested parties an opportunity to examine and express their priorities and opinions on the Authority's Annual Agency Plan prior to adoption by the Board of Commissioners and submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Draft information is available for review and inspection at the office of the Housing Authority at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.



Eric Kolbe
 Executive Director
 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
 THE CITY OF PASSAIC
 333 Passaic Street
 Passaic, NJ 07055
 (973) 365-6330

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Aeronautical Facility Licensing

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby advised that the Division of Aeronautics, of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, has received an application from MBNA Corporation for a license to establish a new RESTRICTED USE HELIPORT to be located 321 University Avenue in NEWARK, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Accordingly, the Division of Aeronautics invites written comments or objections regarding this license. All comments or objections must address the issue of the effect of the proposed license upon public health and safety.

Upon receipt of written comments or objections, and

a determination by the Division of Aeronautics that the proposed licensing is a "contested case", as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., this matter may be scheduled for a public hearing.

The above-named application and all related documents are available for public inspection by appointment between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Division of Aeronautics, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey. Telephone (609) 530-2908.

Any interested person may submit questions or comments, in writing, no later than 30 days from today.

All submissions regarding this matter should be directed to:

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Community

Project Re-Direct/ Youth & Family Services is looking for people who are interested in becoming a child's mentor. For more info call Sharon D. Berry at 1-888-868-9697.

Youth Cinema Schedule Mondays at 10:30 a.m. at the Newark Public Library & Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. at the Newark Museum.

ONGOING — JULY 18

Newark — Scarlet Raiders Boys summer basketball camp ages 7 to 18 at Rutgers Golden Dome Athletic Center begins in July. First session is from July 14 - 18 and the second session is August 4 - 8. For more info call Joe Loughran of Scarlet Raiders at 973-353-5474 ext. 223.

ONGOING — AUG

Newark — The Newark Adult Basketball League open to Newark residents only at Boylan Recreation Center at 916 S. Orange Ave. Games will start at 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Deadline to accept rosters is July 11. For more info call Rookie Johnson at 973-733-8947 or 973-371-6418.

ONGOING — AUGUST 1

Newark — Newark Pop Warner Football League is taking applications for players & cheerleaders. FREE Program. Only open to Newark residents, with health insurance & passing grades in school. For more info call 973-733-5357 or 973-733-6454.

ONGOING — SEPT 8

Jersey City — Liberty Science Center presents an exhibit of Sue, a Tryannosaurus Rex. For more info call 201-200-1000.

THURSDAYS

Newark — Newark Downtown District will host Common Greens Farmer's Market from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Military Park. For more info call 973-733-9333.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 — 17

Bloomfield — Instant Decision Days at Bloomfield College. Prospective students should bring high school & college transcripts to receive an instant admission decision for fall 2003. There is no application fee. For more info call 973-748-9000 ext. 230 or email: admission@bloomfield.edu.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Newark — NJ Historical Society

will host Making Tin Ware Family Program from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at 52 Park Place. For more info call 973 596-8500.

MONDAY, JULY 21 — 25

Madison — SupperTennis, a tennis day camp for boys & girls ages 5-17 will meet at Drew University. For more info, contact Ira Miller at 973-408-3115.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Trenton — The Commission of Higher Education will host a monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 609-292-4310.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Newark — Newark Public Library will host Jersey Bounce from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 5 Washington St. For more info call 973-705-8253.

Newark — Newark Public Library will host Poet On from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info 973-705-8253.

New Brunswick — Rock For Children presents The Robert Murdock Band to help raise awareness about child abuse at the Old Bay Restaurant, Church Street at 10:00 p.m. For more info call 732 246-3111.

ONGOING — AUGUST 28

NJPAC presents Absolut Sounds of the City with various musical performances every thursday from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 — 10

Elizabeth — All Star Performance Dog Association presents The 2003 All Star Obedience and Agility Championships at the RexPle Complex. For more info call Cara at 908 725-1214 or visit www.allstardogs.org.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Atlantic City — 7th Annual Atlantic County Puerto Rican Parade & Latin Music Festival will begin 1:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. on Albany Ave. & the Boardwalk & all the way to New Jersey Ave. For more info call or email 609-347-0770 or acprp@hotmail.com.

Heartbeat

ONGOING

St. Barnabas Health Care System will offer several maternity and parent education classes at Newark Beth Israel, Clara Maass and St. Barnabas. For more info please call each hospital directly for class schedules, dates, costs and to register. Clara Maass-Women's Health Center at 973-



'Audi SAVOY Jazz Unwrapped' will premiere Saturday, July 26th in Newark at NJPAC, and will feature Rachelle Ferrell along with other renowned musicians. For tickets call 888-466-5722.

450-2890; Newark Beth Israel-Parent Education at 973-926-2642 and St. Barnabas - Women's Health Department at 973-322-5360.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free program, "Look Good, Feel Good" for women dealing with the effects of Cancer treatment and need assistance with their make-up and hair styling. For more info call 973-926-7609.

Livingston — St. Barnabas Medical Center offers Diabetes Self-Management Classes. For more info call 973-322-7236.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Newark — St. James Hospital will host a diabetes support group at 7:00 p.m. This group meets every third Tuesday of each month. For more info call 973-877-2885.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Livingston — St. Barnabas will offer free sexual health education and support group session at 7:00 p.m. For more info 973-322-7346.

MONDAY, JULY 23

Belleville — Clara Maass Hospital will host a free seminar on shoulder and joint pain at 10:30 a.m. For more info call 973-450-2213.

TUESDAYS — SEPT., 16

Union — 'Tai chi chih for Seniors' hosted by Union Hospital Senior Health Network. Classes start at 10 & 11 a.m. Fee is \$80 for the 8-week course. For more info call 908-851-8997.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Newark — The Three Doctors Foundation will host a 'Safety Health Fair' at the Newark Boys &

ONGOING — SEPT 7

New York — American Museum of Natural History presents Chocolate, an exhibition that explores the legends, history of chocolate. For more info call 212-769-5800.

SATURDAY, JULY 19 — 20

New York — B.B. King's Blues Club presents the Neville Brothers in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Newark — Newark Public Library will host Poet On from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m. For more info call 973-705-8253.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

New York — MTV & Coke Present Common at B.B. King's Blues Club in concert at 8:00 p.m. With additional performances by Anthony Hamilton, Jin, and Bubba Sparxxx. For more info call 212-997-4555.

Business

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Plainfield — United Trust will host a business seminar from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For more info call 908-753-7364.

ONGOING — AUG 5

Newark — Community Colleges and New Jersey City University Partner to offer Teacher Education Program, a new alternative route Teacher Education Program. Beginning July 7 the Graduate program will run in two phases. For more info call 609-392-3434

Artz

ONGOING — JULY 20

Manasquan — August Wilson's Jitney will play at Algonquin Arts Theatre. The film covers the black experience in Twentieth Century America. For more info call the Algonquin Arts Theatre at 732- 528-9211.

ONGOING — AUGUST 14

Newark — Newark Museum presents Jazz in the Garden with Jazz musicians every thursday during lunchtime from 12:15 1:45 p.m.

ONGOING — AUGUST 31

Newark — The Newark Museum presents the film, Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks, a legendary American Artist. For more info call 973-596-6550.

MONDAY, JULY 28

Newark — Lonnie Youngblood performing a free concert in Lincoln Park with JB & Co. starting at 6 p.m. For more info call Gwen Moten at 973-733-6454.

FRI, AUGUST 1 & SAT, AUG 2

New York — Ray Charles will perform at B.B. King's at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 212-997-4555.

Religion

ONGOING

Newark — Greater Service Fellowship Church invites you to Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, come get the answers. For more info call 973-848-1711.

Newark — St. James AME Church invites you to Sunday worship service at 10:45 a.m., 588 Dr. M.L.K. Drive. For more info call 973-622-1344.

Mail or email your calendar events and photographs at least two weeks in advance to:

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Peter Harvey takes oath as first black AG in State



Peter C. Harvey takes the Oath of Office as New Jersey's new Attorney General. Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz administered the oath and Harvey's wife Tammy held the bible. Governor McGreevey delivered the keynote address at the ceremony.

Jersey City launches "Don't Drink and Drive"

JERSEY CITY Mayor Glenn D. Cunningham and Police Chief Ronald Buonocore launched the city's "won't drink and Drive" enforcement campaign for the police department today. "The purpose of the campaign is to encourage people to drive safely and don't drink and drive," says Cunningham.

To make the city safe for drivers and pedestrians Police Chief Ronald Buonocore introduced a multifaceted approach that forgoes drivers who operate a Motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. As part of the "You Drink and Drive You Lose" national crackdown, the Jersey City Police Department rein in working to protect everyone from impaired drivers. From fungi 27 to July 12, 2003 police officers will be out in full force throughout Jersey City to arrest, and prosecute impaired

drivers to the fullest extent of the law.

Jersey City Police Officers will be working on overtime saturation patrols, which are being funded through a \$10,477.86 state grant from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

In Jersey City, in 2002, there were 12 traffic fatalities, of which 4 were alcohol related. Thus far in 2003 there have been 4 traffic fatalities, 2 of which were alcohol related. In 2002, 33% of traffic fatalities were alcohol related. In 2003, Jersey City is currently averaging 50% and above the national average. We clearly have to work harder.

Officers will be targeting streets leading into Jersey City from Bayonne, Union City, Hoboken, and other highway outlets, says Police Chief Buonocore.

Turner/James measure to protect children of incarcerated parents

TRENTON - Legislation sponsored by Senators Shirley K. Turner and Sharpe James that would ensure the safety of children whose parents are incarcerated was unanimously approved today by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

"There must be safeguards in place to ensure the protection of the most vulnerable children in our State," said Senator Turner, L7-Mercer. "I cannot think of many more situations in which a child could be more vulnerable than when his or her parent is in jail. This bill would make sure that both the court and DYFS take appropriate measures to protect the wellbeing of children in this situation."

The measure, S-2305,

would require the court to determine the safety of a child whose sole caretaker is incarcerated. Under the bill, the court would be required to determine who will assume responsibility for such a child's care during the caretaker's incarceration and would provide the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) with contact information for that person. Upon receiving such information, DYFS would be required to conduct a home visit to determine the safety and welfare of the child.

"It is unconscionable that an innocent child like Faheem Williams was able to slip through the cracks of New Jersey's child protection system simply because his mother was incarcerated," said Senator

James, D-Essex and Union, who is also the mayor of Newark. "This bill would help close the gaping loophole in child protection services that contributed to young Faheem's death."

The measure is in direct response to the tragic death of 7-year-old Faheem Williams, whose neglected and abused body was found in Newark last January. Faheem was left in the care of his mother's cousin, along with his two brothers, while his mother was incarcerated.

The measure is part of a larger package of legislation to reform DYFS that was unanimously approved by the Committee today. The bill now awaits consideration by the full Senate.

Economic Justice eluded by racial profiling

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ty to gain access to a college education and helps more enter higher paying jobs and reach the middle class. Likewise, Affirmative Action in construction contracting, gives African American an opportunity to build businesses that will hire more African American and increase their employment prospects in the construction trades.

The behavior of law enforcement officers toward African American has been a historically accepted practice in America. While it has always been a major concern and abomination to most African Americans, this behavior toward African American has been an accepted practice, as far as,

White American are concerned. Rodney King, Amadu Diabolo and Abner Louima cases are but a few examples where Whites seem overwhelmingly supportive of police behavior despite the evidence.

While racial profiling by State Police in New Jersey became crystal clear by the obvious actions of a few officers, as well as, the national climate, economic racial profiling is less apparent and more obscure, but never the less as deadly. Set-Asides were implemented because institutional racism prevented minority-owned companies from entering the ball park let alone get into the game. Now even these efforts are being dismantled because of a suit brought by a construction company in Morris County.

Set-Asides would not be necessary if the State enforced laws against contractors who arrogantly discriminate-they fail to hire minority labors and fail to use minority and women as subcontractors.

Now that Governor McGreevey has charged the Attorney General with the responsibility of dismantling the set-aside program as proscribed by law, we expect that he will just as vigorously prosecute contractors who continue to discriminate against African Americans and other minorities who seek employment and subcontracting opportunities.

There is blatant discrimination in the construction trades industry and with all the school construction planned the game has not changed..

Shop The Common Green

NEWARK—Military Park continues to bloom each Thursday through October 16 from 11 AM to 6 PM as Common Greens Farmers Market. Common Greens will offer fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, plants and various other products direct from local grower or producer to the customer. muffins and baked treats Italian specialty products;

Common Greens will also offer cooking demonstrations, special events, chef's tours, activities for children and families, live music and more. Common Greens will be a great spot to visit on your way to nearby Absolut Sounds of the City, the after work concert series at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, the Newark Bears games, the New Jersey Historical Society, the Newark Museum and the Newark Library. Convenient and nearby parking, the access to public transportation and the visibility in a downtown landmark space all add to the benefits gained by buying produce from a local grower. As crops come in, the market changes to reflect the season's fresh bounty and changes in the needs of customers. For more information on the Common Green Farmers Market, please call the Newark Downtown District at 973-733-9333 or visit the website at www.downtownnewark.com.

***Revised Schedule**

The Newark Public Schools
2 Cedar Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

2003-2004 ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., popularly known as the "Sunshine Law," the Newark Public Schools wishes to announce the following:

This is to advise that for the 2003-2004 School Year, the Newark Public School District will hold Advisory Board Meetings monthly for public participation and schedule additional meetings as appropriate.

Pursuant to the District's "Procedures for Public Participation," requests to speak must be provided in writing to Ms. Bernice H. White, Chief of Staff, Newark Public Schools, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 by 4:00 p.m. five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

DATE	TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
August 19, 2003	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	2 Cedar Street, 10th Floor Conference Room
September 23, 2003	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	University High School, 55 Clinton Place
October 28, 2003	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Thirteenth Avenue School, 359 13th Avenue
November 25, 2003	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Ava Street Elementary School, 30 Ava Street
December 16, 2003	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Clady's Hallman-Jones Model Middle School, 24 Clara Street
January 27, 2004	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Chancellor Avenue Elementary School, 321 Chancellor Avenue
February 24, 2004	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Warren Street Elementary School, 200 Warren Street
March 23, 2004	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Arts High School, 550 Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.
April 27, 2004	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Rafael Hernandez Elementary School, 345 Broadway
May 25, 2004	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Maple Avenue Elementary School, 33 Maple Avenue
June 15, 2004	6:00 P.M.	Public Participation	Technology High School, 223 Broadway

This schedule of meetings is subject to change, but notification will be provided to the public in accordance with statute.

*Please be informed that the Newark Public Schools will not hold an Advisory Board Meeting during the month of July 2003. In addition, as noted above, the August Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2003.